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Technical Advisory

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Emergency Responder Radio Coverage (ERRC) 2012 IFC, Section 510

Minimum Backbone System

APPLICABILITY:

The purpose of this Technical Advisory is to provide technical specifications for the acceptable minimal installation of a ERRC backbone installation. The backbone installation is part of the ERRC deferral process and shall be documented in the initial plan package.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The building owner, design team or the general contractor for the new building shall select one of the following options and document it in the initial plan submittal package:

- 1. Install the emergency responder radio coverage system during construction per applicable codes and standards.
- 2. Install the backbone for future ERRC system installation during construction.
- 3. Upon completion of the building envelope, conduct the RF survey test. If the test fails, the backbone shall be installed prior to Fire C of O.

BACKBONE SPECIFICATIONS

The back bone shall consist of:

- 1. One 4-inch continuous metal conduit from roof to the lowest level of the building within a 2-hour rated enclosure.
- 2. Installation of a 2-foot x 2-foot x1-foot in depth electrical junction box connected at each floor within the 2-hour rated enclosure.
- 3. The rooftop electrical junction box shall be suitable for outdoor use.
- 4. All electrical junction boxes shall be painted red and labeled, in white, Emergency Responder Radio.
- 5. The 4-inch conduit shall be painted red.

APPLICABLE CODEES AND STANDARDS

The following national codes and standards apply for design, installation, testing and maintenance of emergency responder radio coverage systems:

- 1. 2012 IFC
- 2. 2016 NFPA 1211
- 3. 2016 NFPA 70
- 4. 2016 NFPA 72